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New Location for Terrace Legal Aid Office

Vancouver, BC — The legal aid office in Terrace has a new home.

Effective Monday, October 15, area residents can apply for legal aid at Suite 207 – 3228 Kalum Street. "We'd outgrown our previous space," says Managing Lawyer Judith Kenacan. "So when our lease expired, we looked for something a bit larger."

Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The telephone numbers are unchanged: (250) 635-2133 or 1-800-787-2511 (toll free).

The current office on Emerson Street will be closed Friday, October 12, while the move takes place.

Staff at the regional centre:

- take applications for legal representation and refer eligible clients to lawyers,
- direct clients to legal information and/or advice services, including online, print, and video materials, community agencies, LawLINE, and family duty counsel,
- help clients access online legal information and self-help resources using the LawLINK website and public access computers,
- work with advocacy groups, court, and the private bar to ensure access to justice and quality services are available to legal aid clients, and
- co-ordinate regional duty counsel services in the courthouses.

A legal information outreach worker is available to meet with community groups to explain the range of legal aid services and how to access them.

Those who need to apply for legal aid outside the centre's office hours can do so by contacting the LSS Call Centre at 1-866-577-2525 (toll free).

LSS staff also provide services in Prince Rupert at the government agent's office: #201 - 3rd Avenue W (8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday).

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LSS is an independent, non-profit organization that has provided legal aid to people with low incomes in BC since 1979.

Legal representation is available for serious family, child protection, and criminal issues. It is also available for some immigration, mental health law, and prison law matters.

Legal advice is available at most courts through duty counsel and by telephone through LawLINE and the Brydges Line (both are province-wide toll-free lines).

Legal information is available through Legal Information Outreach Worker (LIOW) services, LawLINE, plain language publications, and Internet services, including the Electronic Law Library, Family Law in BC, LSS, and LawLINK websites. (See www.lss.bc.ca for most of our publications, our catalogue, and website links.)

*To contact the **LSS Call Centre** and **LawLINE**, dial: (604) 408-2172 (Lower Mainland) or 1-866-577-2525 (toll free from outside the Lower Mainland).*

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